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MR. SPEAKER :—" நீங்கள் பேசக்கூடாது. கேள்வியாகத்தான் கேட்க வேண்டும்."

SRI K. T. RAJU :—" பெரிய அக்ரகாரம் என்ற கிராமததைச்சுற்றி இருக்கும் கிராமங்களில் காலரா பரவி வருகிறது. அவ்விதம் காலரா பல பேர்களுக்குக் கண்டு சிலர் இறந்து விட்டதாக செய்தி கிடைத்திருக்கிறது. கனம் சுகாதார மந்திரி அவர்கள் இது விஷயமாக எதாகிலும் தெரிந்துகொண்டு எதாவது நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக்கொண்டிருக்கிறார்களா ? இந்த விஷயம் அவருக்குத் தெரியுமா என்பதையும் கேட்க ஆசைப்படுகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" In the village mentioned by the hon. Member in Erode taluk, there have been three attacks of cholera and three deaths up to 15th December 1954. The District Health Officer and the Assistant Health Officer have visited the place and Health Inspectors have been posted. All necessary action is being taken."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions are over."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS *RE*

(1) CLOSURE OF BHASKAR CIGAR FACTORY, TELLICHERRY AND KADIRUR, NORTH MALABAR.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri K. P. Gopalan has given notice of an adjournment motion, which reads as follows :—

'This Assembly stands adjourned to discuss an urgent matter of public importance, namely, the failure of the Government to intervene in the *mala fide* closure of the Bhaskar Cigar Factory, Tellicherry and Kadirur, North Malabar, resulting in the sudden unemployment of 86 workers and the enforced stay-in strike now going on in these factories since 19th December 1954 which causes anxiety to the public.' "

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" On a point of order, Sir. Everyday there is an adjournment motion in this House and not a day passes without it. Sir, you were good enough to mention some time ago—I think it was in the previous session—that we must find out a way so that all the motions are not moved here. In the Lok Sabha our Prime Minister mentioned day before yesterday in his speech . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member need not mention about that."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" Sir, I want to strengthen my case."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Does the hon. Member want that I should give the ruling in my Chamber? "

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" Sir, my point is this. You were good enough to mention that you were following the procedure adopted in the House of Commons rather than any other Parliament. Our Prime Minister also pointed out that in the House of Commons hardly two or three adjournment motions are allowed in a year. But in this House two or three adjournment motions are being moved everyday. (Laughter.) My point is that these adjournment motions can also be adjourned to your Chamber for your ruling. We can have them discussed in your Chamber and if the adjournment motion is admitted, we can move it here at the next day's meeting."

12-10 p.m. SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" I rise on a point of order, Sir. Since the hon. Member Mr. R. V. Swaminathan has raised a very good point of order, may I at this stage request Mr. Swaminathan through you, Sir, to exercise his good influence on the Government to see that everything is carried on peacefully so that there may not be any scope for the Members to move adjournment motions? "

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Some hon. Members may think that this is not an important matter. So far as I am concerned, it is a very important matter. When 86 workers are unemployed, it is a very important matter causing anxiety to the people."

MR. SPEAKER :—" So far as the Chair is concerned, the point for clarification is whether this House is the forum for discussing the matter and whether there is no other remedy."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" I am coming to that point. This closure occurred because of certain defects in the Factories Act. If ten or more people work in a factory, that Act is applicable to it. In order to evade the Act, factory-owners divide their factory into different branches so that each branch may have less than ten workers. The Government have not made any provision against such evasion and they have given free scope to the factory-owners to do whatever they like. This is an important matter concerning the labour policy of the Government and the Government alone are responsible for the closure. There is no remedy against this anywhere else."

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not wish to minimise the importance of the matter. But the question is whether this is a fit matter for an adjournment motion. I respectfully submit that this matter cannot be discussed under an adjournment motion. There are remedies open to the affected parties under the Factories Act. The hon. Member may direct the workers to take proper action."

MR. SPEAKER :—" If the law is defective, this is not the method of dealing with it. There are other remedies open to the workers. So I rule the motion out of order."